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Miramichi Advance. CHATHAM, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1878.

The Election. John Shireff, Esq., as Returning Officer, opened his court at the Court House, Newcastle, on Tuesday last at twelve o'clock.

The only nomination handed in was that of Mr. Mitchell, the following gentlemen's names being appended to the document:

Edward R. Whitney, Robert Swin, T. W. Crocker, Rich'd Attridge, John Betts, Enoch Bamford, John L. Schofield, Wm. T. Underhill, J. Romani Sney, George Fowler, Jeremiah Sullivan, W. S. Brown, James Wallace, Sam'l Russell, James Robinson, S. Y. Mitchell, James Brown, W. McNaughton, Jas. Fitzpatrick, Chas. F. Bourne, E. Hutchinson, R. P. Whitney, H. A. Muirhead, Henry Wye, Thos. F. Gillespie, Daniel Crummen, T. F. Keary, Isaac Harris, J. J. Pierce, Moses Connor, Wm. Johnston, Jas. Clowery, James Hanway, Geo. Gripps, Wm. Muirhead, J. Wm. Park, M. S. Sargent, Jas. Fish, John Brainer, Chas. Marshall, E. Sinclair, P. Farrell, John Dalton, John A. Murphy, Robt. Ritchie, Rich'd Davidson, Joseph Hayes, L. J. Tweedie, Michael Adams, John Fish.

At 2 p.m. the Returning Officer declared Mr. Mitchell elected, as provided in the law.

Mr. Mitchell was present, together with perhaps a dozen other gentlemen. He thanked Mr. Shireff for the manner in which he had performed his duties as Returning Officer, and also his friends, repeating a notice already given that he would address the electors at Masonic Hall.

The proceedings were of the most orderly and quiet description throughout, the interest manifested being less than on any similar occasion heretofore. Such a state of things speaks well for the new Election Law, which seems to be as nearly perfect as possible.

At half past two Masonic Hall was, perhaps, two thirds filled with electors and others. Mr. Mitchell was well received when he entered, as several other gentlemen had who had entered previously. After appeals to his friends, some of whom he charged with showing a disposition to desert him, sixteen gentlemen went up and took seats on the platform, and on motion of Mr. W. Analow of the Advocate, Wm. Park, Esq., took the chair. He briefly introduced Mr. Mitchell, who he said was well able to speak for himself.

Mr. Mitchell addressed the meeting for about an hour and three quarters. His speech dealt with his old points, which are gone over in that delivered in the opening part of his address at Barnaby River. The new matter was in explanation of the causes of his resignation, with which everybody is familiar, and abuse of the ADVANCE and its editor, in the same strain as that in the Barnaby River effort. So much of our space is occupied with the latter effort that we refrain from entering, at present, into the particulars of that at Newcastle. We may say that there was not an original idea or thought uttered from the beginning to the end of the harangue, which was a continued and well-sustained blowing off of unbecom and self-glorification, interlarded with personal abuse and a show of bad temper ill becoming a man who has once held Mr. Mitchell's position, after being returned to Parliament without opposition. The fact, too, that several well known supporters of his absent opponent placed their names on his nomination after hearing that he was to be opposed by an unsuitable person, so as to discourage what seemed, from the first, to be only a joke, ought to have encouraged him to restrain his disposition to indulge in the billingsgate which marked an otherwise harmless speech, but always seems so natural coming from the mouth of the Honorable Peter Mitchell. At another time we shall further deal with Mr. Mitchell and his Newcastle address.

Mr. Mitchell's Cow Class. According to Mr. Mitchell's own story at Barnaby River on Saturday night, one of his most brilliant efforts as a public speaker was that in connection with the Newcastle woman's cow, which was killed on the Intercolonial. We cannot conceive of any services rendered in the way of the hon. gentleman obtaining a settlement in an honest way—provided it was an honest claim. If it was not, Mr. Mitchell was not justified in pressing it. But let us see what effect that cow had on the country.

Mr. Mitchell's account. The Premier wished to force an amendment through the House amounting to \$2,000,000. Mr. Mitchell, solely on account of the cow, started at a double, winding up with a speech of his own which "made the House ring," which must have cost (for assistant expenses are large) say—2000. As soon as Vail promised the cow money, Mr. Mitchell withdrew his opposition to the unjust item proposed and made \$40 the price of his silence, the whole cost to Canada being, therefore—\$2,002,040. Mr. Mitchell asked the people of Barnaby River if Mr. Snowball could do such a thing as that? We think he could not. He has no public spirit. He would rather have paid for the cow himself.

We have serious doubts, however, in reference to the truthfulness of Mr. Mitchell's cow story. We have heard him say many bitter things against Mr. Brydges, but never believed that gentle-

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man feared the ex-Minister to the extent represented in that other story at Barnaby River. The development of facts connected with the late defeat of Mr. Vail in Digby County shows how effective misrepresentation, when uncontradicted, is in a political campaign, and it will, we hope, be a reminder to many of our friends in Northumberland that it is their duty at present to be on their guard against arriving at hasty conclusions based on the one-sided political stories which they have recently been favored.

Northumberland, in common with other constituencies of the Province, is, within less than a year, to be the arena of contests between individuals and parties who will each be prepared to place before the electors the reasons why they claim their support.

The election of the new Premier of the Province is a matter of great importance to the people of the Province, and it is, therefore, necessary that every independent citizen of Northumberland who desires to see the County delivered from the disability under which it now labors, should come out squarely and openly against Mr. Mitchell and his party, who are endeavoring, by a show of strength which is deceptive and a bragging, swaggering assumption of power, to prevent the more timid of their leading opponents from exerting their legitimate influence throughout the County.

The honest public sentiment of Canada distrusts men of Mr. Mitchell's political stripe, and although he may disclaim responsibility for the Pacific Scandal and say Sir John A. Macdonald was the sinner who deceived and injured his associates in the Ministry by that transaction, we promise to bring home to Mr. Mitchell charges involving him in similar offences quite as fully as his Party Leader was in receiving Sir Hugh Allan's bribe. If Mr. Mitchell and his friends find the courage to face the electors with the Protection policy of the Party of which he is a member it will take more than all their sophistry to stem the forces that will appear against them on that question, while the reputation of Dr. Tupper's slanders of the Premier and other members of the Dominion Government, which have been rehearsed in the County districts and fairly at Newcastle yesterday by Mr. Mitchell, will be the more easy in the light of new developments concerning the latter when he had opportunity to divert public funds into illegitimate channels.

Let the friends of just administration in the interests of the people, as against sectionalism and party plunder, stand firmly to the principles which Mr. Mitchell once professed, so that when the next general election comes, Northumberland may prove unmistakably that while she is loyal to her leading men when they are true to the principles which she has always endorsed, she can also resist the blandishments of those who only interest in her affairs is that by which they hope to use her as a means of retaining a seat in Parliament and the prospect of raids on the public treasury.

The Policy of Abuse. Several articles which could only emanate from data derived from the records of the Fisheries Department in this Province have recently been published in a little sheet called the Dominion, which is issued at St. John at certain intervals. These articles have contained abuse of the Minister of Fisheries and sneering references to the Inspector for the Province, also, as those which so plainly marked the authorship of the "News" "Roving Special" letters of last winter. The Inspector comes out in a letter defending the Minister. One charge made in one of the articles referred to was as follows:

On the 30th October last, the Hon. Albert went to Chatham, Miramichi, at the instance of J. B. Snowball and his man-of-all-work, who "manages" his master's paper, the Advance. He held a meeting at which the Fisheries Department was the subject. He was directed, and chief speaker. For all practical purposes the meeting was a sham and a farce, held for the sole object of furthering Snowball's scheme of introducing a bill for the Intercolonial Railway. The Inspector had seized for breach of the laws were restored to the Fisheries Department, which was made by the Minister himself. He was made for the express advantage of Snowball's friends. This is an account incredible to our readers, but the proof is in the following Order in Council speaks for itself: GOVERNMENT HOUSE, OTTAWA, Thursday, 29th day of July, 1877.

Present—His Excellency the Governor General in Council. On the recommendation of the Honorable the Minister of Marine and Fisheries and under the provisions of the 12th section of the Act passed in the session of the Parliament of Canada, held in the 31st year of Her Majesty's reign, chapter 69 and known as "The Fisheries Act," His Excellency, by and with the advice of the Queen's Privy Council, has pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the following Regulation be and the same is hereby made and adopted:

W. A. HINCHWORTH, Clerk Privy Council. In the face of this order the Hon. Albert actually allowed the Fisheries Department to use their own nets of one inch mesh, while all others had to get new nets of the legal size. These same old nets are now at work on the Miramichi River destroying thousands of young bass and one ton of young smelts for every ton of merchantable fish and fishermen of Miramichi. The Inspector's late letter in the Freeman vouches for it. If he or Mr. Anglin, or the Hon. Albert denies the other facts, we appeal to the reports of the meeting as published in the Advance, the Advocate and the Gleaner, for full proof of all we have stated.

Mr. Vening in reply says:—With regard to the meeting at Chatham in October last, it is true that Mr. Snowball and the manager of his paper did all they possibly could to prejudice the Minister and deceive him in respect to the Fisheries Department. It is true that the Minister's good sense and judgment, and his legal experience were more than a match for their interested schemes. The Minister was misled by the work of Snowball and under all the circumstances brought to light by his investigations, his action was the most sensible and suitable that could be taken.

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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: I do not intend to occupy your attention for any great length of time tonight. I will speak for about twenty minutes and then my friend Joseph Hays will deliver the same speech that he made at Renous last night.

FAMILY COMPACT. I will first refer to the time of my boyhood when the County was governed by a "Family Compact"; when our Members of Parliament were chosen by a few fossils—"Long Farrows," Rankin, Street, etc.—seated in a back office at Newcastle. You all remember as well as I do how you should enter that office, with fear and trembling, cap in hand, and you were liable to be scolded by one crooked look and a constable standing by ready to lock you up. I felt that this was a humiliation of the manhood of the County; my generous heart and restless spirit felt galled, and I resolved to do all in my power to break down, to crush, to root out this worst form of Russian despotism. The first article that was ever written with that object in view came from the pen of Peter Mitchell, and appeared in the Morning News of St. John, then a pictorial paper. Perhaps none of you present remember it, but I do, as well as it is in my power to break down, to crush, to root out this worst form of Russian despotism.

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